

Weekly Status and Information Report: Week of March 18 - 22, 2013

Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of March 25, 2013:

- The City Council will not meet this week.
- Arts and Humanities Commission meeting, Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room

Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email jessiec@takomagov.org. (*City Clerk*)

Petites Chansons: Come sing songs and rhymes in French with Madame Marie this Saturday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. Our monthly program is great for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups. And mark your calendars: the next Petites Chansons program will take place on Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. (*Library*)

Morning and Afternoon Addition - No Program Next Week: Next week, Mar. 25-29, the Morning and Afternoon Addition program will be closed for Spring Break. The program will re-open on Wednesday, April 3. (*Recreation*)

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Recruitment-March 28: Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County (HFH-MC) is seeking skilled and unskilled volunteers to work on Takoma Park's Exterior Home Repair Program for 20-25 income qualified homeowners during the spring and summer. If you are interested in volunteering your time and energy for this project, HFH-MC would love to hear from you. An information session will take place at the Takoma Park Community Center on Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lilac Room. Please contact Linda Walker at 301-891-7222 for further information. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Flag Football League - Coaches Meeting

On Thursday, March 28, the Recreation Department will be holding a mandatory coaches meeting/clinic for all 2013 Flag Football League Coaches. If you are interested in volunteering as a coach or require additional information, please contact Bradley Williams at 301-891-7282 or Bradleyw@takomagov.org.

Long Branch Mural Unveiling: The Long Branch Business League will have a celebration and unveiling of the new mural at the intersection of Flower Avenue and Piney Branch Road on Wednesday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m. The mural is on the wall next to the Universal Market at 8639 Flower Avenue. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Takoma Park Safe Routes to School 5K Challenge: Lace up your running shoes, registration is now open for the TKPK 5K which will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2013. To register, go to www.tkpk5k.com. Mail-in registration forms in English, Spanish and Amharic are online. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Register for Bike to Work Day: The region's biggest celebration of bicycle commuting is returning to Takoma Park this May with pit stops at the Takoma/Langley Crossroads, on Sligo Creek Trail, and in Old Takoma. The May 17, 2013 event is free and participants are treated to coffee, juice, morning snacks, entertainment, a chance to win a free bike and other prizes, and of course a Bike To Work Day t-shirt. Register today at <http://biketoworkmetrodc.com/>. (*Housing and Community Development*)

Spring Break Career Week (ages 13-17)

During Career Week (March 25th - 29th) a few professionals will stop by to guide participants in exploring some of today's careers. Participants will also receive insider advice on the knowledge and skills needed for success. Each day ends with a group field trip. Trips include, bowling, roller skating, laser tag, Dave N Busters and Toby's Dinner Theatre to see *Fiddler on the Roof*. Paperwork is required before the start of the camp. Participants must bring a lunch every day. Registration has already opened – don't wait! For more information or questions, please contact Ms. Leicia at LeiciaM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283. (*Recreation*)

Teens on the Move (ages 13-17)

The Teens on the Move Camp combines a perfect balance of experiential learning, community service, fun activities and career development. Registration is already opened- register today! For more information or questions, please contact Ms. Leicia at LeiciaM@takomagov.org or (301) 891-7283. *(Recreation)*

Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

On March 30, the Takoma Park Recreation Department will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at Ed Wilhelm Field. The pursuit of eggs will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. and is for youth ages 2-8. Come out and join the fun. Make sure you say hi to Stevie the Bunny. This eggstravaganza promises to be fun for all. For additional information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

Fun Day - Tuesday, April 2

Parents, please remember, school is out on Tuesday, April 2 and the Recreation Department is hosting its last Fun Day event of the school year. Participants will be visiting 'Pump it Up' for a fun filled day! Program is open to girls and boys ages 5-12. Participants will meet at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Ave.) at 8:30 a.m. The fee is \$35 for Takoma Park residents and \$45 for all non-residents. A non-perishable lunch must be provided with each child. To register online please visit <https://activenet010.active.com/takomaparkrecreation/>. *(Recreation)*

SAT Prep Course (ages 13-17)

Students will learn to write effective college application essays. In addition, teens will write timed SAT practice essays in class and learn how to analyze and answer questions in the Critical Reading and Writing Sections. Students will be using the *Official SAT Study Guide, Second Edition*, published by the College Board. The guide will be provided by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. Six week course from April 1 - May 6, 2013. This is a free course for TP Residents and \$10 for Non-residents. For more information or questions, please contact Ms. Leicia at LeiciaM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283. *(Recreation)*

Adult Coed Softball League - Register Today!

The 2013 Adult Coed Softball League will be kicking off on Sunday, April 14. Registration is going very well and there are many teams returning from last year. Individual registrations are welcome; participants will be placed on teams after the registration closes. Individual fee; \$55/R, \$65/NR. Team fee; \$545/R, \$645/NR. To sign up as an individual or to register your team, please visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation. For additional information please contact Bradley Williams at 301-891-7282 or Bradleyw@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

Save the Date - Celebrate Takoma Festival - May 19, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.: The Recreation Department, along with some dedicated volunteers, will be hosting the first ever Celebrate Takoma Festival. We will spend the afternoon celebrating the cultural diversity of the city with food, merchandise, and community vendors as well as entertainment and games from around the world. If you are interested in vending, performing or would like to showcase a game passed down from generation to generation and are local to Takoma Park, please email celebratetakoma@takomagov.org or call 301-891-7290. *(Recreation)*

Be Fit! Join the Fitness Room at the Recreation Center!

Takoma Park Recreation Center offers a Fitness room for your work-out convenience. Purchase a membership today to use the state of the art equipment that we offer. The Recreation Center Fitness room has stair climbers, ellipticals, treadmills, upright bikes and recumbent bikes. Work out now to be ready for the summer. Come and join the fun. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

Pilates class going strong!

This challenging one hour workout session continues to grow. This class is a combination of precision body toning, stretching and core strengthening focusing on exercising the whole body to reach your goal of a leaner, stronger body. Register now and enjoy the workout. Get fit for summer. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or johnw@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

Counselor in Training (CIT) for ages 14-17 yrs.

Sign up for a two day training to become a Certified CIT. Prior to volunteering for summer camp, each teen will be required to attend trainings hosted by the Takoma Park Recreation Department. During these trainings, teens will

have an opportunity to develop leadership skills while becoming First Aid/CPR certified. MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 30TH. Resident: \$75/Non-resident: \$100. For more information or questions, please contact Ms. Leicia at LeiciaM@takomagov.org or 301-891-7283. *(Recreation)*

Mixed Media Collage Fridays

A full class of 12 adults, age 55 and older, began a new "Mixed Media Collage" session on Friday, March 22. Participants use acrylic paint in a variety of ways to create a background, then cut and glue images and paper to the background to create a collage. The next session begins on Friday, May 3, 2013. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, Takoma Park Recreation Department, at 301-891-7280 or paulal@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

Seniors Visit Conservatory

Sixteen seniors traveled by Recreation Bus to the Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory & Botanic Gardens in Baltimore, Maryland on Wednesday, March 20. The Conservatory includes three greenhouses, two display pavilions and outdoor gardens with plants from around the world. *(Recreation)*

Spring/Summer Registration - Don't Miss Out!

Registration for all Spring/Summer classes, programs, sports leagues and camps are now underway. Many of your favorite activities are filling fast! To view a complete listing of recreation programs, please visit www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation. *(Recreation)*

CRIME REPORT:

The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (March 15-21, 2013) may be viewed online at http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2013/03/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_21.html.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

Officers conducted at least 151 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic, one traffic stop arrest from traffic and one vehicle impound.

During March 8-21, 2013, the following details were completed:

March 8, 2013

-7500 block New Hampshire Ave (LIDAR) - a 90 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued eight State citations

March 10, 2013

-Maple Ave & Lincoln Ave (Stop Sign & Seatbelt) - a 90 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued four State citations and two Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO)

March 13, 2013

-Cockerille Ave & Kansas Ave (Stop Sign) - a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-Carroll Ave & Old Carroll Ave (Observation) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-7500 block New Hampshire Ave (No Left or U-turn) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one warning

-Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued three State citations and one warning

-Maple Ave & Ritchie Ave (No Right Turn) - a 40 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two warnings

March 14, 2013

-Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued five State citations

-7600 block New Hampshire Ave (Observation) - a 45 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one warning

-900 block East West Hwy (Observation) - a 25 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-Maple Ave & Ritchie Ave (No Right Turn) - a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-7500 New Hampshire Ave (No U-Turn) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

March 15, 2013

-Lockney Ave & Merrimac Dr (Seat Belt) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-Merrimac Dr & Carroll Ave (Stop Sign) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

March 16, 2013

-300 block Ethan Allen Ave (Fail to keep Right of Center) - a 15 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-New Hampshire Ave & Holton Ln (No Left or U-turn) - a 10 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-Ethan Allen Ave & Jackson Ave (Stop Sign) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

March 18, 2013

-1000 block Larch Ave (Traffic Control Device) - a 40 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-4th Ave & Westmoreland Ave (Stop Sign) - a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued four State citations and three warnings

-Philadelphia Ave & Holly Ave (Stop Sign) - a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued three State citations and one warning

-Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign) - a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two State citations

-4th Ave & Westmoreland Ave (Stop Sign) - a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued four State citations and one warning

-6900 block New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-7500 block New Hampshire Ave (Traffic Control Device) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-Maple Ave & Lincoln Ave (Observation) - a 2 hour enforcement detail was conducted and issued three State citations and three Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SERO)

-Lincoln Ave & Elm Ave (Traffic Circle) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

March 19, 2013

-7500 New Hampshire Ave (No U-Turn) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two warnings

-Flower Ave & Garland Ave (Stop Sign) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued three State citations

-4th Ave & Westmoreland Ave (Stop Sign) - a 2 hour enforcement detail was conducted and issued nine State citations

-6900 block New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader) - a 2 hour enforcement detail was conducted and issued seven State citations

March 20, 2013

-900 block East West Hwy (Observation) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-Maple Ave & Hilltop Ave (Do Not Enter Sign) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

-4th Ave & Westmoreland Ave (Stop Sign) - a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued five State citations and one warning

-6900 block New Hampshire Ave (Tag Reader) - a 2 hour enforcement detail was conducted and issued ten State citations and two warnings

-4th Ave & Westmoreland Ave (Stop Sign) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued two State citations and one warning

-Ethan Allen Ave & Jackson Ave (Stop Sign) - a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one State citations and eight warnings

-Ethan Allen Ave & Jackson Ave (Stop Sign) - a 60 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued one speed citation, four State citations and one warning

March 21, 2013

-Albany Ave & Takoma Ave (Stop Sign) - a 30 minute enforcement detail was conducted and issued no citations or warnings

TRAFFIC OFFICER STATS (PFC Walter Smith):

Week of March 18-20

State citations: 47

Calls for service: 10

Reports: 3

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 6
Field Investigative Reports (FIR) written: 3
Warnings: 10
Foot Patrol: 3 hours
Court: 1 hour